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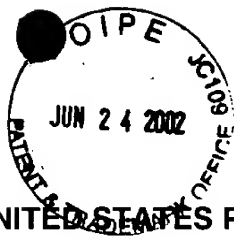
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 22, 2002, Paper No. 18, please consider the following.

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 31-37, drawn to an air conditioner per se, classified in class 165, subclass 122.
- II. Claims 38-44, drawn to an air conditioner in combination with a vehicle, classified in class 165, subclass 43.


Applicant, without traverse, respectfully requests the Examiner to proceed with invention I, Claims 31-37, drawn to an air conditioner per se, classified in class 165, subclass 122. Applicant believes that Claims 31-37 read on the elected species. Applicant requests that the non-elected Claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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